

Alexandria Gazette.

THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 24, 1903.

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar plums danced in their heads;
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap—
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow,
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
Saw a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,
With a little old driver so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled and shouted and called them by name:
'Now,asher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer!
and Vixen!
On Comet! on Cupid! on Dunder and Bitten!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now, dash away! dash away! dash away all!
As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.
And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had slung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.
His eyes-how they twinkled! his dimples-how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly.
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself.
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
Said to me in a low voice, "Now tell me, how do you do?"
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight—
"Happy Christmas to all and to all a Good-night!"

Better than a Plaster.

A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on the affected part, is better than a plaster for a lame back and torn joints in the side or chest. Pain Balm has no superior as a liniment for the relief of deep-seated, muscular and rheumatic pains. For sale by Richard Gibson.

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Down in Texas at Yankum, is a big dry goods firm of which Mr. J. M. Haller is the head. Mr. Haller on one of his trips East brought back to a friend who was with him in the palace car, "Here, take one of these Little Early Risers upon retiring and you will be up early in the morning feeling good." For the "dark brown" taste, headache and the long feeling of drowsiness Little Early Risers are the best pills to use. Sold by all druggists.

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Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Bile, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle, yet thorough. 25c. at E. S. Leadbeater & Son's drug store.

OPENING AND CLOSING OF MAILS.

Northern mails, week days, close at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:00 a. m., and 1:15, 2:40, 6:40, 8:23 and 10:45 p. m. On Sunday Southern mails close at 9:30 a. m., 1:30 p. m., and 7:20 p. m. Southern mails via Charlottesville close at 7:30 a. m., 10:40 a. m., and 2:50, 9:30 and 10:45 p. m. On Sunday Southern mails via Richmond, close at 10:30 a. m., and 3:00, 6:30 and 10:45 p. m. Open at 8 a. m. and 1 and 4 p. m. Manassas Division mails close at 7:20 a. m., and 3:45 p. m. Open at 12:00 p. m. Alexandria and Round Hill mails close at 7:30 a. m., and 4 p. m. Open at 9:00 a. m. and 3:30 p. m. Chesapeake and Ohio mails close at 2:45 p. m. and 10:45 p. m. Open at 8:00 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. Washington mails close at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:00 a. m., and 1:15, 2:40, 6:40, 8:23 and 10:45 p. m. Open at 8:00 a. m., 12:00 p. m. and 4:00 p. m. Office Hours—Open at 8:00 a. m. Close at 6:00 p. m. Sunday Hours—Open at 9:00 a. m. Close at 10:00 p. m. Carriers' Schedule—Collection made on inside routes—6:30 and 10:00 a. m. and 4:30 and 5:30 p. m. Full route—6:30 a. m. and 5:30 p. m. Sunday collection 8:00 p. m. Carriers' window open Sunday 8:00 a. m. and close 1:00 p. m. All mail should be in the office ten minutes before our indicated time for closing.

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DISREGARDED ORDERS.—As the result of a head-on collision near New Castle, Ala., 20 miles south of Birmingham, yesterday afternoon, between the second section of Louisville and Nashville passenger train No. 3 and the Decatur accommodation, Engineer Wright, of the accommodation, is reported dead, and 10 persons more or less seriously injured. The list of injured includes eight of the accommodation train passengers, Abe Allen, the colored fireman, and the express messenger of the accommodation. It is understood that the accident was caused by the second section of No. 3 disregarding its orders, which provided that Number 3 should pass the Decatur accommodation at Morris Switch, near New Castle, Number 3, which left Louisville at 3 o'clock yesterday morning, was made up into two sections on account of the heavy holiday travel, and the ill-fated second section of the train was crowded with passengers.

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JUSTUS SCHNEIDER,

Secretary and Treasurer.

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